

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

If you allow this to happen you are destroying the heart of the democratic process. Which means that we will closer to a "Pravda" style news system where the only version of the news presented is the network/station's owner. The truth will be distorted with no accountability or consequence and fairness and balance will disappear. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.